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TITLE OF INVENTION MULTI-FUNCTIONAL FURNITURE

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<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	Application No. <b>09/775,734</b>	Applicant(s) <b>Casini</b>
	Examiner <b>Milton Nelson, Jr.</b>	Art Unit <b>3636</b>

--The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1.  This communication is responsive to Applicant's filing of 8/29/01
2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 21-27
3.  The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_\_ are acceptable as formal drawings.
4.  Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
  - a)  All
  - b)  Some\*
  - c)  None
 of the:
  1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\*Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_

5.  Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE FOR SUBMITTING NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS, OR A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION.** This three-month period for complying with the REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL is extendable under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

6.  Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.
7.  Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS
  - (a)  including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached 1)  hereto or 2)  to Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b)  including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed \_\_\_\_\_, which has been approved by the examiner.
  - (c)  including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.

**Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.**

8.  Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any reply to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

#### Attachment(s)

1 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	2 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
3 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. _____
5 <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449), Paper No(s). _____	6 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment
7 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material	8 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9 <input type="checkbox"/> Other	

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**EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Francesco A. Casini on October 10, 2001.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

- A. Before the first line on page 1 of the specification, the following recitation has been entered:

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--The present application is a continuing application of copending United States Patent Application No. 09/082,817, filed May 21, 1998.--

B. Claims 1-20 have been canceled.

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C. Claims 21-27 have been added as follows:

*b2* -21. A multi-functional furniture unit comprising:

a front component, a rear component, a bottom component, and plural side components;

said front and rear components being flat at one of a top or bottom side thereof, and curved at the other of said top or bottom side thereof;

each of said bottom and side components including longitudinally extending elongated grooves;

each of said front and rear components including a plurality of holes extending therethrough;

each of said components including a means of connection of said front component to said rear component;

said means of connection being slidably disposable within said components, thereby allowing each of said bottom and side components to be detachably connected to said front and rear components and swivelly movable around a respective axis of motion, thereby providing for selective rearrangement of said bottom and side components relative to one another and to the front and rear components to create a number of different furniture unit configurations, and to facilitate convenient assembly, disassembly, and reassembly;

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said means of connection is a plurality of threaded rods and correspondingly threaded knobs; said threaded knobs being adapted to affixably receive said threaded rods; said threaded rods adapted to be received in said holes and slidably received in said grooves; said threaded rods adapted to extend the entire length of said grooves; said threaded knobs adapted to be received in said holes for engaging the threaded rods and providing stability to the assembled unit.

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22. The multi-functional furniture unit of claim 21, wherein said unit is provided with handles.

*3*  
23. The multi-functional furniture unit of claim 21, wherein said unit is provided with a detachable wheel assembly.

*4*  
24. The multi-functional furniture unit of claim 21, wherein said unit is provided with a carrying case for transporting the unit in its disassembled configuration, said carrying case is adapted to be affixed with legs for use as a table.

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25. The multi-functional unit of claim 24, wherein said unit can be alternately configured as a low bassinet, cradle, rocking chair, rocking chair with a desk, bench, bench with a desk, high chair, changing table, and high bassinet.

*b2x*  
26. The multi-functional furniture unit of claim 24, wherein the unit is provided with a potty.

*b2x*  
27. The multi-functional furniture unit of claim 24, wherein the unit is provided with a plurality of legs.--.

3. Claims 21-27 are allowed.

4. The drawings filed August 29, 2001 have been entered.

5. Formal corrected drawings are now required. Note the attached Form PTO-948.

6. The substitute specification filed August 29, 2001 has been entered.

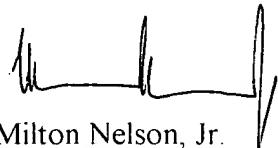
7. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group Customer Service Representative at (703) 306-5771 or the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-2168.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Milton Nelson, Jr. whose telephone number is (703) 308-2117. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 5:30 AM-3:00 PM. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

The fax number for this Group is (703) 305-3597.

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October 12, 2001

  
Milton Nelson, Jr.  
Primary Examiner

